

Jan./Feb. 2014

**Upcoming
Speakers & Events**

January 19

Rev. Karen Bruno

**January 26*

Lisa Kreisher

February 2

Rev. Karen Bruno

February 9

All Souls Board Meeting

Lisa Kreisher

February 16

Rev. Karen Bruno

**February 23*

TBA

***Whole Church Worship,**

Kenya Coins, Potluck Lunch



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Opening Words & Meditations



Rev. Karen Bruno, pastoral care minister at All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church in Bellville, welcomes new members Joanne Swank Gillum and Mary Anne Weeks during services on January 5.

Mary Anne Weeks

I retired last November as a labor and delivery nurse after 46 years of catching babies. I am a mother of four: Traci and husband Jeff and their two children Maggie (15) and Joe (12) live in Cincinnati. Susan (Rose) and children Sophie (15), Tilla (5), and Violet (2) live in Mansfield. Robb (an adopted son from Korea) and wife Angela live in Columbus. Son Tom (adopted from India) live with his father (we are divorced) on the other side of my barn.

I enjoy vegetable and flower gardening, handicrafts, puzzles, including Scrabble, and being with my family.

2 Members added to All Souls on January 5

Joanne Gillum and Mary Anne weeks became the newest members of All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church on January 5th during a new member service.

Here are their bios, written by the new members:

Joanne Swank Gillum

I may well be the fourth generation of the Swank family to be a members of All Souls. My grandmother, Novella Swank, attended here. An ancestor, Henry Swank, whose window graces the back of the church, was a great-great uncle. Christian Swank, another ancestor, was engaged in building the first Universalist Church in Bellville when he contracted spotted fever and died in 1889. Grandmother Swank was a Garber. My Great Grandfather Swank's mother was a Leedy. I believe the Oldfield name appears in Grandmother Swank's genealogy. So I feel drawn to All Souls where so many of my ancestors attended and whose names (Swank, Garber, Leedy, Oldfield) appear on the beautiful windows.

I grew up in southern Richland County, and after living in Columbus for forty years and retiring twelve years ago, I returned to Bellville. I taught school for 31 years and worked for the federal government (IRS) for 14 years. My family includes six sibilings, four step children and five step grandchildren.

January & February Calendar

EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ALL ACTIVITIES
ALL ACTIVITIES ARE AT THE CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

January

19 Sunday 9 am Adult Education - Consider the Conversation: A Documentary on a Taboo Subject
Please join us as we view video clips from the documentary and then explore our thoughts and feelings regarding end of life care. You may explore www.considertheconversation.org. The class will continue on January 26 and February 2.

10:30 am Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: A Taboo Subject Leader: Joan Richmond

So many people struggle to have conversations about end of life choices. The adult education class this Sunday will be discussing this topic. Then during the service, Karen will share her experiences as a hospice Chaplain. Come and get the conversation started.

Bio: Karen Bruno is part time pastoral care minister at Bellville All Souls Unitarian Universalist Church. She attended Drew Theological School and was ordained by the United Church of Christ in 2002. She also works at Flying Horse Farms, a camp for children with serious illness, in Mount Gilead. Karen lived in Ohio for her high school and college years and then after many years in Colorado returned in 2011 following her early retirement from Denver Human Services. In addition, Karen has worked as church pastor, hospice chaplain and religious educator. She and her partner live in Bellville.

***26 Sunday** 9 am Adult Education - Consider the Conversation: A Documentary on a Taboo Subject
Please join us as we view video clips from the documentary and then explore our thoughts and feelings regarding end of life care. You may explore www.considertheconversation.org. The class will continue on February 2.

10:30 am Lisa Kreisher Topic: The Gift of Judgment Leader: Brian Moore

It's human nature to be judgmental. And we have been taught that judgments are bad: "Judge not lest ye be judged." So, how can we learn to see our judgments as gifts? How can we learn to translate an honest self-expression, like "You're so rude" into an experience of self-empathy and compassion as well as to discover what we long for in our lives?

Bio: Lisa has enjoyed all her careers from waitress to travel agent to business consultant. She is retired from being an adult educator in the corporate world and at the college level. Helping people learn is her passion, whether it's by example or in front of a group. She now loves offering small workshops on The Law of Attraction, Creating Vision Boards and Deep Listening. She has also supported the Simply Living organization in Columbus by teaching their How to Be an Agent of Change course. Lisa has recently focused on learning the consciousness of Nonviolent Communication (NVC) and has been advancing her study of the communication process with Robert Gonzales for the past 4 years. It is a process that takes you to the deepest part of who you are and helps you connect with everyone at a deep and meaningful level. As a volunteer at Stratford Ecological Center in Delaware, she gets to experience and share all the wonderful things that go on at an organic farm. As a Farm & Nature Guide, she shows little people around the farm so they can experience the birth of a goat or lamb, eat spinach in the greenhouse, tap maple trees for sap, and paint their faces with sandstone from the creek.

27 Monday 6:30 pm Living Lotus Sangha - *The Four Establishments of Mindfulness* led by Sensei Dean Williams

February

2 Sunday 9 am Adult Education - Consider the Conversation: A Documentary on a Taboo Subject
Please join us as we explore our thoughts and feelings regarding end of life care. Liz Hansen will lead the discussion and Dr. Eric Hansen will provide views from his experiences as a surgeon. You may explore www.considertheconversation.org and then join us for soulful conversation.

10:30 am Rev. Karen Bruno Topic: To be announced **Bio: See above** Leader: Linda Wilson

5 Wednesday 7 pm Adult Discussion Group: "Being Liberal in a Conservative Place"

9 Sunday 9 am All Souls Board Meeting (all are invited)

10:30 am Lisa Kreisher Topic: To be announced **Bio: See above** Leader: Ché Sahara

10 Monday 6:30 pm Living Lotus Sangha - *The Four Establishments of Mindfulness* led by Sensei Dean Williams

12 Wednesday 7 pm Adult Discussion Group: "Social Justice"

***Whole Church Worship/Kenya Coins Collection #Potluck Luncheon**

Birthdays for late January and February

J 22	Bruce Kilgore	26	Kristy Mandeville	F 1	Dick Geckler	9	Joshua So
25	Grace Ehrmantraut	30	Tom Miller	5	Paula Sauder	28	Sahvanna Macpherson



NOTES FROM THE PREZ

The Board approved paying professional fees to have the window in the vestibule fixed after incurring water damage. This expense will come out of our savings fund for (no pun intended) rainy days.

Chuck Rhodes worked up the first half of the fiscal year report. Something to consider: Our weekly revenue is \$512.37 and our weekly expenses are \$572.98. We have had some “more than normal” building expenses associated with keeping an old (historic) church running, which is to be expected.

You will notice that there is a lot of work going on in the kitchen as we renovate that area. The floor has been levelled and tiled and new cabinets will be installed. The sink, purchased by LD Ball a few years ago, will also be installed. We are very excited about these changes, and if you get a chance, please thank Sandy Macpherson and LD Ball for their hard work and financial donations to this project. That work does mean we may still have to work around coffee and conversation after the service but that’s a small price to pay for a beautiful remodeling job.

If you have not completed an information form for Shelley (pastoral care secretary) please see her. Let me know if there’s any way I or a Board Member can assist you. -- Reed Richmond, Board President, 419-631-7912 (cell).

December 2013 Financial Report

Revenue	December
Rummage Sale	89.00
Open Plate Offering	333.00
Building Fund	1,500.00
Pledges	2,010.00
Special Services Income	40.00
Total	4,007.00
Expenses*	3,609.83
	+397.17

Expenses this month included \$660 for professional fees (fixing a window due to water damage). All other expenses were normal monthly expenses.

Average Attendance in December: 44

(please note: Pledge report unavailable: I lost it - Reed)

LIVING LOTUS SANGHA

Living Lotus Sangha January and February meeting dates
(all meeting are from 6:30p - 8:30p)

Monday Jan. 27th

Monday Feb. 10th

Monday Feb. 24th

2014 Study Schedule for 2014:

January: *Transformation and Healing: Sutra on the Four Establishments of Mindfulness*
by Thich Nhat Hanh

Feb. & March: The Platform Sutra of Hui-neng
Red Pine translation and commentary

April: Bodhidharma - Life and Teachings

May & Aug.: Lankavatara Sutra
Red Pine translation and commentary

Sept. & Dec.: Samdhinirmocana Sutra
The Third Turning of the Buddha Wheel
by Reb Anderson

Visit our new website at www.livinglotus.org We have added “soundcloud” to both the website and our Facebook page to share the Dharma talks Sensei Dean Williams shares at our Monday night sittings.

WEDNESDAY EVENING GROUP DISCUSSIONS: EVERY WEDNESDAY! (starting in February)

Rev. Karen will be at the church every Wednesday evening to lead group discussions.

All groups start at 7 p.m. at church.

- 1st Wednesday – “Being Liberal in a Conservative Place”
- 2nd Wednesday – “Social Justice” New group to discuss issues of world and local justice.
- 3rd Wednesday – “Woman’s Spirituality”
- 4th Wednesday – “Prayer. What is it and how does it work?” New group to explore different kinds of prayer.

These groups will run for February, March, April and May. Please plan on attending one or several of the Wednesday meetings. The discussions can get quite lively (in a friendly way).

OMD News

New Webinars for A New Year

A full list of CERG webinars, registration links and links to a list of CERG On-Demand classes can be found at: www.cerguua.org/events/cergwebinars.html

1) Congregational Meetings: Touching Hearts and Lives Compassionately - February 6, 2014 from 8 to 9:30 pm Eastern Time.

Focusing on the tools of Compassionate Communication, this webinar will discuss how we can promote and deepen our faith and relationships during annual congregational meetings, board, committee and task force meetings, and staff meetings. Led by Rev. LoraKim Joyner, community minister in Multispecies Ministry and Compassionate Communication (Nonviolent Communication).

2) Meaningful Multigenerational Worship - February 12, 2014 at 7 pm and February 13, 2014 at 10 am eastern time

When done well, multigenerational worship offers a great opportunity to see and experience our faith through a variety of perspectives and learning styles. We'll share stories from several congregations who are doing innovative and exciting work in this area and offer tips to aid any size congregation in creating engaging and meaningful worship. Led by Patricia Infante, CERG Faith Development Consultant with guest presenters.

3) Happiness as a Spiritual Practice - February 25, 2014 at 7 pm eastern time for one hour.

Are we having fun yet? Surprisingly, many UU congregations aren't. The stress of church work, interpersonal conflict, and lack of resources, to name a few, result in congregational members worrying more and enjoying less. This session will offer ideas on how congregations can turn sorrow into success and hardship into happiness. Led by Mark Bernstein, CERG Growth Development Consultant.

Stewardship: The Next Generation - Saturday, March 8, 9:30 am - 3 pm

UU Fellowship of Wayne County, Wooster, OH (Sponsored by the Ohio-Meadville District Resource Development Team)

Can we put on our “Future thinking caps” to re-imagine a new path to a vibrant, mission oriented faith? And how do we fund that? This workshop will feature insight to understanding the assumptions and world views of various generations, discover online church and pledging, and hearing the stories of people across the ages as we work together to realize our shared values. Do you dare to boldly go where no one has gone before? To register: <https://ohiomeadville.wufoo.com/forms/qpgy99ilmfz9x8/>

District Assembly 2014: The Spirited Life - March 28-29, 2014 Erie, PA

This year's District Assembly is a joint effort with the Ohio-Meadville District and the St. Lawrence District. District Assembly will take place March 28-29, 2014 at the Avalon Hotel and Convention Center, Erie, PA. The Rev. Meg Barnhouse is the keynote speaker. Her keynote address is titled Seeds of the Spirited Life. Guest Lecturer is Rev. Priscilla Richter, speaking on Polity, Pine Trees and Process Theology. For the full brochure, schedule, workshop descriptions, DA youth caucus information, all required forms, online registration and DA exhibit forms, please see <http://www.ohiomeadville.org/districtassembly/dakeynote>

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All Proceeds to
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Next All Souls Recycle Day: Sunday, March 23

Please save and then bring your items for recycling to church. A truck will be there for collection from 10 a.m. - Noon. Below is the list of items Milliron accepts. Please keep them separated by categories:

- ALUMINUM BEVERAGE CANS: Please rinse thoroughly. • STEEL CANS: Please rinse thoroughly, and remove labels.
 - PLASTIC: Please rinse thoroughly, and throw away lids. Only plastic bottles and jugs with the recycle emblem stamped on their bottom: #1 PETE - such as pop bottles (colored and clear) #2 HDPE - such as laundry products, milk, juice, and water jugs.
 - NEWSPAPER: But NO books, magazines, phone books, or mail. • CORRUGATED CARDBOARD: But NO boxboard or chipboard.
- WE DO NOT TAKE GLASS!



Sunday Music

All Souls is fortunate to have many talented musicians playing for Sunday services. Ayesha Fry plays the historic Felgemaker organ on alternate Sundays. The Carol Bernhardt trio plays the other Sundays. Whatever Sunday you visit, music is always a listening pleasure.

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Non-Traditional Weddings and Funerals

ALL SOULS BOARD: *President:* Reed Richmond; *Vice-President:* Brian Moore; *Treasurer:* Chuck Rhodes; *Secretary:* Jenny Bartsch; *Religious Education Chair:* Liz Hansen; *Pulpit Chair:* Joan Richmond; *Trustees:* Cheryl Church, Judy Shaffer, Karen Gotter, Bruce Kilgore

The Principles of the Unitarian Universalist Association

We, the member congregations of the Unitarian Universalist Association, covenant to affirm and promote:

- *The inherent worth and dignity of every person;*
- *Justice, equity and compassion in human relations;*
- *Acceptance of one another and encouragement to spiritual growth in our congregations;*
- *A free and responsible search for truth and meaning;*
- *The right of conscience and the use of the democratic process within our congregations and in society at large;*
- *The goal of world community with peace, liberty and justice for all;*
- *Respect for the interdependent web of all existence of which we are a part.*